(b) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have also threatened to blow up the Delhi High Court; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for protection of Delhi High Court and the other subordinate courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Incidents of bomb blasts in the court premises had taken place at Varanasi, Lucknow and Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh on 23 November, 2007.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, as the security of High Courts and other courts are looked after by the State Government/UT Police, guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to them to review and strengthen the present security arrangements of High Courts and the other District/Subordinate Courts in the country.

Financial assistance to SIMI by foreign agencies

3924. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many activists of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) were arrested by special task forces of Madhya Pradesh Government in March, 2008;

(b) whether his Ministry is having information that some foreign agencies are helping SIMI organization financially to the tune of Rs. 90 crores every year;

(c) if so, the names of foreign agencies with total amount spent by them on these terrorists and anti-national outfits; and

(d) the steps Government has taken/proposes to take to check flow of financial assistance by the foreign agencies to these anti-national groups so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 20 (twenty) activities of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) have been arrested.

(b) and (c) SIMI has been raising funds in a clandestine manner from well-wishers and sympathizers in foreign countries.

(d) The activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Attacks on women in Mumbai

†3925. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai, regarded as the safest Indian city for women, still logs one rape every two days and at the end of December, 2007 figure is more than the 2006 number;

(b) if so, whether recently also there have been attacks on women, not only Indian but foreigner also in the city; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for the attacks on women in Mumbai and the steps Government proposes to take to help and assist the State in meeting the situation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) A total of 187, 201 and 165 cases of rape were reported in Mumbai during 2004 to 2006, thereby showing a mixed trend. Annual figures in respect of 2007 are yet to be compiled.

(b) As per report furnished by Mumbai Police such incidents have occured recently.

(c) Mumbai Police have reported that the main reasons for the attack on women in Mumbai are unawareness of self rights and law, inadequate education, importation of pornographic material, delay in filing F.I.R. crime going unpunished due to various reasons, socio-economic reasons such as unemployment, illiteracy, low income, child marriage, men having regressive attitude towards women and women having lower status in the society, revenge, close relatives taking undue advantage, and gender bias.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has from time to time issued advisories to the State Governments to give more focused attention on improving the administration of the criminal justice system and take such measures as necessary for the prevention of crime against women. 'Police' and 'Public Order' are however State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, hence the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime lies with the State Governments. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing financial assistance for weaponary, communication, equipment, mobility, training and other Infrastructure for the State police force under the scheme for 'Modernization of State Police Forces'.

Non-Compliance of SC directives by States on Police Reforms

3926. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court in the month of December, 2007, after being informed that barring a few small States, none has acted on its directive for bringing in police reforms, directed all the state Governments to file status report regarding the compliance of its direction in the issue;

(b) if so, whether State Governments have already filed status report on police reforms; and

(c) if so, how many of them have so far implemented the directives of Supreme Court; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take against those States who have not reported status on police reforms to Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 14.12.2007 passed in Writ Petition (Civil) No 310/96-Prakash Singh and Others Vs. Union of India and Others has directed all the States to file the status report within the stipulated time period.

(b) to (d) Supreme Court in its judgment dated 22.9.2006 passed earlier in the abvoe case, gave several directions for compliance by the States till the framing of the appropriate legislations. As per information available, the States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthen and Tripura have enacted legislation in this